### Message from the President



Welcome to the Albany Common Council!

The city's legislative body, the Common Council is comprised of 15 members elected from each of the city wards, and chaired by the Common Council President, elected city

wide. It is charged with setting governmental policy for New York's capital city.

As President, I am committed to our council being open and accessible to city residents. Our meetings and caucuses, as well as meetings of the standing and ad hoc committees, are open to the public. Your input is welcome and encouraged during the public comment period at all council meetings and at most committee meetings. You can find information in this brochure about when meetings take place and how to contact me and each council member. Please feel free to share with us your concerns and ideas for improving city life.

Shawn Morris, President

## Let us know what you think

Each Common Council meeting starts with a public comment period during which you may speak on any subject related to city government. Speakers are asked to keep their remarks to five minutes and will be called in the order in which they ask to speak.

Public hearings are held on some city ordinances and take place before the public comment period. Speakers are asked to sign up to speak at the beginning of the hearing and will be called in order. The public hearing ends when all have been heard.

Standing and ad hoc committees meet as needed to discuss legislation before the council and to review government policies and procedures. You can find out the time and location of meetings by contacting the Common Council office at 434-5087 or on the city website at www.albanyny.org <a href="http://www.albanyny.org">http://www.albanyny.org</a>.

## COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2006-2007

Committees are appointed biennially.

The first named person in the appointment is the Chair, the second named person is the Vice-Chair.

**Council Operations and Ethics** Fox, Igoe, Scalzo, Herring, Timmons

Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Igoe, O'Brien, Conti, Ellis, Rosenzweig

Finance, Taxation and Assessment Sano, Herring, Casey, McLaughlin, Scalzo

Public Safety
Scalzo, Smith, Fahey, Igoe, O'Brien

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Herring, Rosenzweig, Fahey, McLaughlin, Sano

> Parks, Recreation and Family Services Calsolaro, Fahey, Ellis, Fox, Rosenzweig

> **Human Resources and Human Rights**Casey, Conti, Fox, Smith, Timmons

**General Services, Health and Environment** O'Brien, Ellis, Calsolaro, Casey, Sano

Housing and Community Development McLaughlin, Timmons, Calsolaro, Conti, Smith



# Common Council City of Albany

2006 Calendar



Hon. Shawn M. Morris, President John C. Marsolais, City Clerk 434-5090

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#### Common Council Meeting 7:00 pm Council Chambers (Caucus: 6:30 Court Rm)

January 5 July 3 January 19 July 17 February 6 August 7 February 23 August 21 March 6 September 7 March 20 September 18 April 3 October 5 April 17 October 16 May 1 November 6 May 15 November 20 June 5 December 4 June 19 December 18

### Common Council Caucus 5:30 pm Court Room

July 12 January 11 February 1 August 2 February 15 August 16 March 1 August 30 March 15 September 13 March 29 September 27 October 11 April 12 April 26 November 1 May 10 November 15 November 29 May 31 June 14 December 13 June 28 December 27